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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT OF VICE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH IN THE KNESSET. DRAFT WAS DONE IN NEA AND HAS BEEN SENT TO VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS SOONEST.

2. BEGIN TEXT. NEARLY A CENTURY AGO, MARK TWAIN-- PERHAPS THE MOST AUTHENTIC VOICE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE-- HAD THIS TO SAY ABOUT THE JEWISH PEOPLE: "THEY HAVE", HE SAID, "MADE A MARVELOUS FIGHT IN THIS WORLD, IN ALL THE AGES. ... OTHER PEOPLES HAVE SPRUNG UP AND HELD THEIR  
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TORCH HIGH FOR A TIME, BUT IT BURNED OUT, AND THEY SIT IN TWILIGHT NOW, OR HAVE VANISHED. BUT THE JEWISH PEOPLE ARE NOW WHAT THEY ALWAYS WERE--EXHIBITING NO DECADENCE, NO INFIRMITIES OF AGE, NO SLOWING OF ENERGIES."

TODAY, IN THIS YEAR OF CELEBRATION, IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE IN JERUSALEM TO REAFFIRM MARK TWAIN'S ADMIRATION FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE AND TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL--THE VIBRANT AND ENDURING MODERN EXPRESSION OF THE GENIUS OF THE HEBREW NATION.

ANNIVERSARIES ARE A TIME FOR PRAISE, AND PRAISE COMES EASILY TO MIND WHEN ISRAEL IS MENTIONED. THE MARVEL THAT IS ISRAEL TODAY IS THE PRODUCT OF UNREMITTING TOIL AND PERSEVERANCE, OF STEADFAST COURAGE, OF INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE AND OF COLLECTIVE EFFORT, OF INTELLECTUAL CLARITY AND CREATIVITY. ABOVE ALL, THE MODERN NATION OF ISRAEL STANDS AS A TRIUMPH OF THE SPIRIT AND A DEMONSTRATION OF WHAT PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER, INSPIRED BY A DREAM, CAN ACHIEVE.

#### SHARED EXPERIENCE AND SHARED VALUES

BUT THE ESTEEM WHICH THE PEOPLE OF MY COUNTRY HOLD FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE NATION OF ISRAEL RUNS FAR DEEPER THAN MERE ADMIRATION--IT IS A UNIQUE AND ENDURING ASSOCIATION FOUNDED UPON TWO UNSHAKEABLE PILLARS: A RECOGNITION OF SHARED EXPERIENCE AND, EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, A PERMANENT COMMITMENT TO SHARED VALUES.

THE HISTORY OF MODERN ISRAEL REPRESENTS TO AMERICANS A REAFFIRMATION OF OUR OWN MOST BASIC HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE:

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-- THE FOUNDERS OF BOTH OUR NATIONS WERE AWARE THAT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF NATION-BUILDING MUST DERIVE FROM A DREAM BEFORE IT CAN BECOME A REALITY. INDEED, AS DAVID BEN-GURION SAID, "TO BE A REALIST IN ISRAEL YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE IN MIRACLES."

-- AS PIONEERING PEOPLES WE SHARE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE GIFTS OF THE LAND CAN ONLY BE WON THROUGH UNENDING EFFORT.

-- WE HOLD THE FREE PEOPLE'S CONVICTION THAT LIBERTY CANNOT BE UPHELD WITHOUT VIGILANCE AND STRENGTH.

-- AND WE BOTH DRAW STRENGTH FROM THE IMMIGRANTS' EXPERIENCE THAT, WHILE HISTORY IS CRUEL, THE FUTURE CAN BE SHAPED BY PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER WITH DETERMINATION TO REALIZE THEIR GOALS.

AT THIS TIME, WHEN ISRAEL CELEBRATES ITS THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND THE UNITED STATES IS ABOUT TO MARK ITS DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE ON THE FOURTH OF JULY, THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR TWO PEOPLES FORGING THEIR DESTINIES AS NATIONS REAFFIRM THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN US.

THUS WE ARE DRAWN TOGETHER BY EXPERIENCE, AND THE SIMILARITY OF HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE THAT IT BRINGS. BUT BENEATH THIS IS AN EVEN DEEPER BOND OF A SHARED

HERITAGE OF VALUES AND A COMMON COMMITMENT TO THEM. IT IS THIS COMMONALITY OF FUNDAMENTALS WHICH DREW THE GREAT HUMANIST, MY TEACHER HUBERT HUMPHREY, TO A LIFE-LONG IDENTIFICATION WITH ISRAEL AND AN UNSWERVING DEDICATION TO ITS WELL-BEING.

ISRAEL AND AMERICA--PERHAPS UNIQUELY AMONG NATIONS--ARE BOTH IMBUED WITH DISTINCTIVE YET UNIVERSAL VALUES: SPIRITUAL, CULTURAL AND HUMAN.  
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SPIRITUALLY, OUR PEOPLES SHARE THE PENTATEUCH'S VISION OF MANKIND'S RELATION TO THE ETERNAL.

A CULTURAL AFFINITY STEMS FROM AMERICA'S EARLIEST DAYS. THE PURITANS WHO LANDED IN NEW ENGLAND IN THE 1600'S IDENTIFIED THE ENGLISH KING WITH PHAROAH AND THEMSELVES WITH THE ISRAELITES IN SEARCH OF THE PROMISED LAND. THEY CALLED THEIR NEW COUNTRY CANAAN AND TALKED OF THE COVENANT THEY HAD MADE WITH GOD. AND TODAY OUR CULTURAL BOND IS SEALED BY SIX MILLION JEWISH AMERICANS AND BY TIES TO ISRAEL THAT REACH OUT TO EVERY SECTOR OF THE AMERICAN POPULATION.

AND OUR NATIONS ARE TOGETHER IN OUR COMMITMENT TO THE GREAT HUMAN PRINCIPLES:

-- THE CONVICTION THAT THE TRUE STRENGTH OF A NATION CAN BE DERIVED ONLY FROM THE FREEDOM OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO PURSUE HIS INTERESTS TO THE FULLEST EXTENT COMPATIBLE WITH THE GOOD OF THE WHOLE.

-- THE BELIEF THAT HUMAN PROGRESS FINDS ITS FOREMOST EXPRESSION IN THE CONCEPT OF UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD, AS IN THE STORY OF RUTH THERE IS THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THOSE WHO ARE NOT OUR IMMEDIATE KIN MAY YET BE OUR KIND.

-- THE DETERMINATION TO BRING ABOUT PEACE AND JUSTICE. ONLY THE JEWISH PEOPLE, AS GOLDA MEIR HAS SAID, "HAVE HAD SUCH INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF BOXCARS AND OF DEPORTATIONS TO UNKNOWN DESTINATIONS" AND OF THE UNSPEAKABLE HORRORS THAT HUMAN BEINGS CAN INFLICT UPON ONE ANOTHER. BUT AMERICANS AS WELL NOW RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS NO GREATER  
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IMPERATIVE THAN TO ENSURE THAT THE PLAGUES OF WORLD WAR AND ORGANIZED HUMAN DEPRAVITY MUST NEVER AFFLICT HUMANITY AGAIN.

-- AND AMERICA AND ISRAEL BOTH ARE COMMITTED TO DEMOCRATIC,

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT. IN THIS REGARD I AM

PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO YOU HERE IN THE KNESSET BUILDING. I AM MYSELF A PRODUCT OF THE LEGISLATURE AND I WANT TO TELL YOU OF THE RESPECT AND ADMIRATION THAT I HAVE FOR THOSE OF YOU HERE WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE KNESSET. I RECALL THAT BEN-GURION ONCE SAID THAT HE FOUND IT RATHER DEPRESSING TO CONTEMPLATE THE FACT OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE WRITING LAWS FOR OVER 6,000 YEARS OF HISTORY. BUT, HE SAID, "IT TELLS ME THAT THEY MUST BE A PEOPLE OF THE FIRST MAGNITUDE, FOR LAW-GIVERS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN GREAT." YOU HERE REPRESENT NOT ONLY THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL BUT ALSO THAT FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF GOVERNMENT BY WHICH FREE PEOPLE HAVE MADE THEIR VOICES HEARD AND SHAPED THEIR LIVES THROUGHOUT THE CENTURIES. DEMOCRACY IS A POWERFUL FORCE, BUT ITS EXISTENCE IS ALSO PRECARIOUS. ITS SPARK CAN ONLY CONTINUE TO ILLUMINATE OUR LIVES THROUGH THE CIVIC GENIUS OF A PEOPLE LIKE THE ISRAELI PEOPLE--AND THROUGH THE COMMITMENT OF ALL OF US TO THE PROPOSITION THAT FREEDOM CANNOT BE LEFT TO CHANCE, BUT MUST BE CONTINUALLY REAFFIRMED BY THE PROCESS OF FREE CHOICE.

THE ROOTS OF AMERICAN SUPPORT

THESE SHARED EXPERIENCES AND FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR TO ALL THAT ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES CAN DEBATE OVER TACTICS BUT NEVER THE BASIC REALITY THAT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH OTHER IS SPECIAL FOR REASONS THAT TRANSCEND TACTICS. WHAT TIES OUR NATIONS TOGETHER IS NOT BARGAINING POSITIONS OR COOPERATIVE AGREE-CONFIDENTIAL

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MENTS OR SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS BUT A HUMAN AND MORAL BOND THAT CANNOT BE SEVERED.

AMERICA'S SUPPORT FOR A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC ISRAEL IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS AN ENDURING MORAL NECESSITY THAT HAS BEEN AND WILL BE PURSUED BY EVERY AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION. IT IS A CAUSE WITH A CLAIM TO THE SUPPORT OF FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD. IT IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE MORAL CONSCIENCE OF MANKIND TO ACQUIESCE IN A SITUATION IN WHICH ISRAEL AS A NATION EXPERIENCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST A GHETTO EXISTENCE THAT HAS BEEN SUFFERED BY JEWS IN MANY INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THEIR HISTORY. ISRAEL IS ENTITLED TO LIVE WITH ITS NEIGHBORS IN THE SAME SENSE OF SAFETY AND NORMALCY THAT IS TAKEN FOR GRANTED VIRTUALLY EVERYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD.

BUT BEYOND THIS, ANY NATION HAS A RIGHT TO LIVE IN SECURITY AND NOT TO BE DEPENDENT FOR ITS SECURITY ON THE

GOOD WILL OF ITS NEIGHBORS. IT MUST BE A BASIC PRINCIPLE OF AMERICAN POLICY THAT ISRAEL BE STRONG ENOUGH SO THAT ITS DECISIONS ARE MADE BY FREE CHOICE AND ARE NOT IMPOSED ON IT BY OUTSIDE FACTORS--NOR BY THOSE WHO CARE LITTLE AND KNOW LESS ABOUT THE ESSENCE OF ISRAEL AND ITS MEANING NOT ONLY TO ITS OWN CITIZENS AND TO WORLD JEWRY, BUT TO PEOPLE EVERYWHERE WHO CARE ABOUT THE GREATNESS OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT AND THE PROGRESS OF MANKIND.

IT IS, THEREFORE, A PRINCIPLE OF AMERICAN POLICY THAT ISRAEL MUST ALWAYS BE STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEND ITSELF--BECAUSE ONLY THEN CAN A PEACE THAT IS NEGOTIATED BE LASTING AND ONLY THEN CAN PEACE BE PERCEIVED TO BE JUST.

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#### THE IMPORTANCE OF NEGOTIATION

YET STRENGTH ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH. NEITHER ISRAEL NOR ANY NATION CAN ATTAIN PEACE AND SECURITY IN A VACUUM. IN THIS REGARD, FOR BOTH ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES, THE PRINCIPLES TO WHICH WE SUBSCRIBE AND THE DEMANDS OF NATIONAL INTEREST ARE IN LINE. ALL OUR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE--FOR PEACE, COOPERATION, PROSPERITY AND EXPANDING HORIZONS FOR THE NEXT GENERATIONS--CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED IN THE CONTEXT OF A WORLD IN WHICH THE RIGHTS AND ASPIRATION OF ALL PEOPLES ARE ADDRESSED CONCRETELY, RESPONSIBLY, AND WITH MUTUALITY AND RESPECT.

THERE WAS A TIME WHEN AMERICANS BELIEVED THAT GEOGRAPHY SHIELDED OUR SECURITY AND THAT THE CONTENTIOUS STRIVINGS OF FOREIGN POWERS COULD BE TURNED TO OUR ADVANTAGE IN THE HOPE OF MAINTAINING A SECURE AND EVEN SPLENDID ISOLATION. BUT TODAY NOTHING IS MORE EVIDENT THAN THAT ALL PEOPLES AND NATIONS ON THE PLANET MUST ACCOMMODATE THEMSELVES TO EACH OTHER. AMERICA HAS LEARNED THAT IT CAN NEITHER WITHDRAW FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND ITS RIVALRIES NOR HOPE TO IMPOSE AN ORDER UPON THEM. TODAY ALL NATIONS, AND ISRAEL NO LESS THAN AMERICA, CAN ONLY TRULY SECURE THEMSELVES AND THEIR FUTURE BY CAREFUL AND PRAGMATIC ATTENTION TO AN ARRAY OF MEANS--MILITARY POWER, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COOPERATION, AND DIPLOMATIC SKILL AND FLEXIBILITY. EACH MUST BE PURSUED SIMULTANEOUSLY: STRENGTH TO DETER AGGRESSION AND ENCOURAGE RESTRAINT, COOPERATION TO BUILD A SOUND AND PROSPEROUS SOCIETY, AND NEGOTIATIONS TO BRING ABOUT THE FAIR AND MUTUAL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES.

OF THESE, IT IS THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS WHICH IS NOW MOST COMPELLING. TIME AND EVENTS HAVE BROUGHT US TO

A THRESHOLD IN MIDDLE EAST HISTORY--AN UNPRECEDENTED

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OPPORTUNITY TO REALIZE A PEACE THAT CAN SPEAK TO THE INTERESTS OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF A REGION THAT HAS EXPERIENCED ENOUGH ANGUISH.

-- FIRST, ISRAEL, BY ITS OWN FORTITUDE, HAS PROVED THAT IT IS A NATION THAT IS HERE TO STAY, A PERCEPTION THAT NO RATIONAL OBSERVER OR PARTICIPANT IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI SITUATION ANY LONGER CAN DISPUTE.

-- SECOND, THE IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES TAKEN AFTER THE 1973 WAR HAVE PROVED WORKABLE, AND THEY REMAIN INTACT TODAY.

-- THIRD, RENEWED MOMENTUM TO THE PEACE PROCESS WAS WITNESSED HERE IN THIS CITY SEVEN MONTHS AGO WITH THE VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF EGYPT AND THE WARM WELCOME HE RECEIVED FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, YOUR PRIME MINISTER, AND FROM THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL.

-- FOURTH, THE UNITED STATES HAS DEMONSTRATED TO BOTH SIDES ITS COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE TO PROMOTE A JUST AND ENDURING SOLUTION. THE DECISIONS WE HAVE TAKEN WITH REGARD TO OUR FRIENDS AMONG THE MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES WILL ENHANCE OUR ABILITY TO HELP PROMOTE THE SEARCH FOR PEACE--AND STRENGTHEN THOSE ELEMENTS INTERESTED IN PURSUING THE NEGOTIATION OF A SETTLEMENT BY PEACEFUL MEANS.

-- AND FIFTH, THE PROSPECTS TODAY ARE POSITIVE FOR SOUND INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT COULD ENHANCE SECURITY AND PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE CONTEXT OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT.

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THE PATH BY WHICH WE HAVE COME TO THIS POINT HAS NOT BEEN EASY OR PLEASANT. TIME AND AGAIN THE PARTIES HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES AT A TURNING POINT REQUIRING DIFFICULT, EVEN AGONIZING DECISIONS. I BELIEVE THAT THE RECORD DEMONSTRATES UNMISTAKABLY THAT, HOWEVER PAINFUL THE PROCESS, PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE. DECISIONS HAD TO BE MADE IN TIMES OF TENSION AND UNCERTAINTY. THEY WERE DECISIONS WHICH UNDENIABLY CONTAINED HAZARDS. BUT FOR THE MOST PART THEY WERE MADE BOLDLY.

IN THE LONG RUN, THE TIMES OF TENSION HAVE PROVED TO BE EPHEMERAL WHILE THE DECISIONS HAVE PROVED TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF AN ULTIMATE CONDITION OF PEACE, SECURITY,

AND COOPERATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ITS NEIGHBORS. AND THROUGHOUT THESE YEARS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES INVARIABLY HAS EMERGED FROM TIMES OF DISAGREEMENT WITH RENEWED VITALITY AND A STRENGTHENED COMMITMENT.

TODAY, ISRAEL OBVIOUSLY FACES A PROFOUND PROBLEM--THAT IN NEGOTIATION WITH ITS NEIGHBORS IT IS ASKED TO YIELD, WITH SLIGHT ADJUSTMENTS, THE PHYSICAL BUFFERS OF TERRITORY IN EXCHANGE FOR PLEDGES AND GUARANTEES OF PEACE. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT SOMETHING OF THE PAIN OF SUCH ANGUISHING DECISIONS IS FELT BY ALL WHO ARE FRIENDS OF ISRAEL AND WHO ARE DEDICATED TO FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE. THE DILEMMA IS UNDERSTOOD: ISRAEL CANNOT AFFORD TO MAKE A MISTAKE, FOR ITS MARGIN OF ERROR IS PAPER THIN--YET NEITHER CAN ISRAEL AFFORD TO STAND PAT.

THE RISKS AND OBSTACLES ARE MANY. STEPS TAKEN MUST BE CAREFULLY THOUGHT OUT AND REALISTIC. BUT WE MUST MOVE FORWARD WHEN THE TIME IS RIPE FOR MOVEMENT, AND DO SO WITH THE COURAGE AND MUTUAL CONFIDENCE OUR RELATIONSHIP REQUIRES IF IT IS TO BRING THE SUCCESS WE BOTH SEEK. CONFIDENTIAL

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THUS, IN THIS PROCESS ISRAEL HAS HAD, AND WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE, THE COMPASSION AND THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITED STATES. MORE PRACTICALLY, ISRAEL HAS HAD--AND WILL HAVE--THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES NEEDED TO KEEP ISRAEL STRONG, AND THE COOPERATION OF THE UNITED STATES TOWARD BUILDING THE KIND OF FUTURE WE WANT FOR OUR CHILDREN.

I AM HERE TODAY TO TELL YOU THAT MY COUNTRY WILL NEVER ABANDON ISRAEL--EITHER BY FAILING TO PROVIDE CRUCIAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE OR BY SEEKING TO PROMOTE OR PROTECT OUR OWN ECONOMIC SELF-INTEREST AT THE EXPENSE OF ISRAEL. AMERICA KNOWS THAT ISRAEL CANNOT RISK PEACE WITHOUT THE CONFIDENCE THAT ONLY NATIONAL STRENGTH CAN OFFER. IN THE CONTEXT OF A PEACE SETTLEMENT THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT ONLY HELP KEEP ISRAEL STRONG, WE WILL WORK WITH ISRAEL TO ENSURE THAT THE MARGIN OF STRENGTH IS SUCH THAT PEACE WILL BE SEEN CLEARLY BY ALL TO BE THE ONLY FEASIBLE COURSE.

THE MEANING OF PEACE FOR THE FUTURE

IF THE NATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST CAN SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY BEFORE THEM AND CROSS THE THRESHOLD TO PEACE, NO PEOPLE

WILL BENEFIT MORE THAN THE ISRAELI PEOPLE. ISRAEL'S DEVELOPMENT HAS REACHED A POINT WHERE THE ADVANTAGES WHICH

PEACE CAN BRING TO PROGRESS ARE UNPRECEDENTEDLY BRIGHT--  
AND PEACE CAN RELEASE THE EXTRAORDINARY TALENTS AND  
ENERGIES OF THE ISRAELI PEOPLE TO ADDRESS THE RANGE OF  
MODERN PROBLEMS.

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IN PER CAPITA TERMS, ISRAEL POSSESSES MORE SCIENTISTS,  
ENGINEERS, PHYSICIANS AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS AND  
TECHNICIANS TRAINED IN PUBLIC SERVICE FIELDS THAN MOST  
NATIONS OF THE WORLD. ALREADY, DESPITE THIRTY YEARS  
OF CONFLICT AND TENSION, ISRAEL'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO HUMAN  
AND MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT IN AREAS SUCH AS HEALTH,  
AGRICULTURE, THE ENVIRONMENT, ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF  
ENERGY AND WATER CONSERVATION HAVE BEEN REMARKABLE. UNDER  
CONDITIONS OF PEACE WHICH CAN EASE THE WORLD'S MOST  
CRUSHING DEFENSE BURDEN, ISRAEL'S ALREADY DISPROPORTIONATE  
CONTRIBUTION TO SOLUTIONS TO SOME OF THE MOST PRESSING  
GLOBAL ISSUES WILL BE MAGNIFIED.

THIS DREAM CAN BE YET ANOTHER OF THE VISIONS OF THE  
CHILDREN OF ISRAEL THAT CULMINATE IN REALITY. IT IS THE  
DREAM OF PEACE EXPRESSED SINCE THE TIME OF THE PROPHET  
ISAIAH--THAT "NATION SHALL NOT LIFT UP SWORD AGAINST  
NATION, NEITHER SHALL THEY LEARN WAR ANY MORE." AND IT  
CAN BE ACHIEVED TODAY IF WE APPROACH OUR TIMES, AS SAUL  
BELLOW HAS SAID, "WITH A SENSE OF THE MYSTIC POTENCY OF  
MANKIND. WITH AN INCLINATION TO BELIEVE IN ARCHETYPES  
OF GOODNESS."

IT IS MY PROFOUND CONVICTION THAT ISRAEL AND THE UNITED  
STATES TOGETHER HAVE A PRICELESS ADVANTAGE UPON WHICH,  
UNDER CONDITIONS OF PEACE, WE TOGETHER CAN LAUNCH COMMON  
AND COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN VIRTUALLY EVERY MAJOR AREA OF  
NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONCERN.

-- THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROWESS OF OUR TWO  
COUNTRIES CAN HELP SHAPE A PEACEFUL FUTURE INTO AN ERA  
OF STRIKING PROGRESS TOWARD SOLVING THE AGE-OLD PROBLEMS  
OF HUNGER, POVERTY, WANT, AND DISEASE.

-- THE HIGHER STAGE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISRAEL HAS  
ATTAINED HAS BROUGHT IT INTO THE COMPANY OF THOSE  
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ECONOMIES THAT ON THE ONE HAND ARE MOST RESPONSIVE TO THE  
NEEDS OF THEIR PEOPLE WHILE ON THE OTHER, ARE SUBJECT TO  
PROBLEMS OF INFLATION, RESOURCE SUPPLIES, CAPITAL FLOW  
AND RAPID TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE. TOGETHER, OUR OPEN AND



FLEXIBLE ECONOMIES CAN WORK TO RESPOND TO SUCH ISSUES QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY. AND BEYOND THIS, THE EFFORTS WE TAKE TOGETHER CAN MAKE A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORKINGS OF A GLOBAL ECONOMY THAT CAN SPEED DEVELOPMENT EVERYWHERE AND HELP CLOSE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN RICH AND POOR.

-- AND WITH A PEACE THAT BRINGS ISRAEL ITS DUE RECOGNITION IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, OUR TWO NATIONS CAN UNITE MORE EFFECTIVELY IN OUR COMMITMENT TO THE RULE OF LAW AND OUR DETERMINATION TO ADVANCE INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY AND FREEDOM FOR PEOPLES EVERYWHERE. THE HERITAGE, PRINCIPLES AND EXPERIENCES OF OUR TWO PEOPLES PLACE UPON US A SPECIAL TRUST TO DEFEND AND CARRY FORWARD THE PRINCIPLE THAT PROGRESS IS NOT WORTHY OF THE NAME UNLESS IT ENLARGES THE RANGE OF THE GREAT HUMAN RIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD.

THE U.S.-ISRAEL COOPERATIVE EFFORT

COOPERATION FOR THE FUTURE HAS ALREADY BEGUN BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS:

-- THE UNITED STATES-ISRAEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION WHICH ENABLES AN EXCHANGE OF SCHOLARS IS NOW MORE THAN TWO DECADES OLD;

-- FIVE YEARS AGO OUR TWO COUNTRIES ESTABLISHED THE BINATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION;  
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-- IN 1976 WE CREATED THE BINATIONAL INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION;

-- LAST YEAR THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL ESTABLISHED THE BINATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION;

THROUGH THESE FOUNDATIONS OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO BRING ABOUT ADVANCES IN SCIENCE, INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL PEOPLES.

TODAY, TO MARK THIS THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL, WE HAVE JOINED IN AN EFFORT TO DEEPEN EVEN FURTHER THE COOPERATIVE EFFORT OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THE HUMANITIES, THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND THE ARTS.

PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AND I ANNOUNCED EARLIER TODAY THAT ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES WILL COMBINE TO ESTABLISH

A THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY FUND FOR GREATLY EXPANDED EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES. TO THIS END, EACH GOVERNMENT WILL CONTRIBUTE EQUAL SHARES TO CREATE A SUM

OF THIRTY MILLION DOLLARS TO MARK THIS THIRTIETH YEAR  
OF THE MODERN STATE OF ISRAEL.

WE VIEW THIS STEP AS YET ANOTHER AFFIRMATION OF THE  
UNIQUE BOND OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION THAT EXISTS  
BETWEEN US. IT IS AS WELL EVIDENCE OF OUR SHARED  
DETERMINATION THAT THE TALENTS AND SKILLS OF OUR TWO  
GIFTED PEOPLES MUST SURELY MAKE A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO  
THE WIDER WORLD COMMUNITY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

THE FOREIGN POLICY OF MY COUNTRY IS BASED UPON THE CON-  
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VICTION THAT:

-- ALL OUR EFFORTS MUST BE ROOTED IN OUR PEOPLES'  
FUNDAMENTAL COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND TO THE DIGNITY  
AND POSITIVE ASPIRATIONS OF ALL PEOPLES;

-- THAT ONLY IF AMERICA AND ITS FRIENDS MAINTAIN THEIR  
STRENGTH--AND THEIR RESOLVE TO USE THAT STRENGTH WHEN  
NEEDED--CAN LIBERTY AND PROGRESS BE ENSURED.

-- AND THAT THE FUTURE CALLS UPON US TO PROVIDE IN-  
CENTIVES FOR ALL PEOPLES AND ALL NATIONS TO RISE ABOVE  
IDEOLOGY OR NARROW CONCEPTIONS OF SELF-INTEREST TO  
ENHANCE THE CHANCES FOR PEACE AND MEET AN ARRAY OF GLOBAL  
PROBLEMS.

THESE ARE THE TENETS OF OUR POLICY WORLDWIDE AND OF OUR  
POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE KNOW THAT THE MERE ABSENCE  
OF WAR IS NOT ENOUGH. THE RELATIONS OF STATES TODAY  
MUST HAVE THEIR HUMAN, ECONOMIC AND MORAL DIMENSIONS AS  
WELL. IN THE HEARTS OF MEN AND WOMEN, PEACE HAS TO MEAN  
AN ABIDING SENSE OF SECURITY AND FREEDOM FROM EXTERNAL  
INTIMIDATION; IT REQUIRES A WIDENING CHANCE FOR ECONOMIC  
ADVANCE; AND IT REQUIRES CONDITIONS WHICH FOSTER THE HOPE  
OF JUSTICE FOR ALL.

I BELIEVE THAT THESE ARE VALUES AND CAUSES WHICH ISRAEL  
AND THE UNITED STATES HOLD IN COMMON. WITH A RECOGNITION  
THAT WE HAVE COME TO A TIME WHEN DECISIONS ARE NEEDED--  
AND THAT THOSE DECISIONS HOLD A SPECIAL PROMISE FOR PEACE--  
THE POSSIBILITIES THAT OPEN BEFORE US ARE VIRTUALLY

LIMITLESS. PEACE CAN PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REALIZE  
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THE VISION OF CHAIM NACHMAN BIALEK (1873-1934 THE MOST  
FAMOUS MODERN HEBREW POET) FOR AN ISRAEL THAT IS

"A LIGHTED CORNER, A BLESSED SPACE.  
ITS SPIRIT FREEDOM, ITS SUN--GRACE."

THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN PROUD TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO JOIN  
ISRAEL IN ITS SEARCH FOR PEACE AND NATIONAL FULFILLMENT  
FOR THESE THIRTY YEARS. AMERICA WILL NEVER WAVER IN ITS  
COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE THAT EFFORT FOR, AS PRESIDENT CAR-  
TER HAS SAID, OUR SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL "IS NOT A POLITICAL  
ISSUE. IT IS A MORAL IMPERATIVE."

WITH THAT RECOGNITION, AND IN THE SPIRIT OF COURAGE,  
CONFIDENCE, AND SHARED ENDEAVOR THAT HAS MARKED OUR RE-  
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